

## COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

The Customs payments were to a large extent in Gold.

A dispatch from Washington says the success of the Five-Twenty bonds is so great that Mr. Chase will not put a loan on the market at present. The same intimation comes from other sources, but we presume the "loan" referred to is a long loan. We have reason to think that Mr. Chase still entertains the intention of issuing the three-year bonds authorized by the financial bill passed by the last Congress, either as legal-tender for their face or convertible into legal-tender.

The temporary deposits with Mr. Cisco to-day were over \$300,000, making \$3,000,000 in three days. This, with the conversion of legal-tenders into Five-Twenties, keeps the Treasury well supplied. These conversions to-day exceed \$300,000, of which \$300,000 were from this city, mainly from Livermore, Claws & Co. and Fisk & Hatch, both houses being Government agents.

The Chemical Bank has declared a quarterly dividend of six per cent free of Government tax, payable on the 1st of April next.

Holders of the unextended first mortgage bonds of the Galena and Chicago Railroad may have the same extended on application at the office of Vermilye & Co. in this city, until the 1st of April, when the privilege will expire.

The speculation in Gold appears to have received its *coup de grace*. With spasmodic reaction, the tendency is steadily downward; after selling to moderate extent at the morning Board at 153½ (153) it fell off after the session to 151, and closed late in the day at 151½. The quotation last Monday was 151½, the Monday previous it was 158½, and four weeks ago Gold sold at 172. The currency is just as much expanded to-day as it was then, proving that the rapid advance in the premium on Gold was the result only of the most reckless speculation. We have no doubt that all the advance beyond 110 or 115 is due to the same cause.

The earnings of the Great Western Railway of Canada, for the week, were:

	1863.	1862.
Passengers, 1,000 U. S. & 11½ C. R.R. ....	\$1,353 49.	\$1,353 49.
Freight and live stock, 49½ 26	32,314 76	32,314 76
Bills and Sandies, 1,240 36	1,236 66	1,236 66
Total, 6,70,937 13	\$54,474 09	\$54,474 09
Increase in 1863,	\$18,402 24	\$18,402 24

Borrowers have no difficulty in supplying their wants at 6½ per cent on good collaterals, and in many cases 5½ cent is accepted.

The statements that Mr. Chase has received propositions from foreign capitalists for a large amount—\$100,000,000—of 6½ per cent bonds, have been received by the public with several grains of allowance. We have reason to believe, on the best authority known, that these statements are correct, and that two such propositions have been made, although not on terms which could be accepted. The annexed, from The Washington Republican, gives some confirmation to the rumors:

PROPERTY.—Some doubt has been thrown upon the statement which originally appeared here in *1st Republic*, that offers of gold had been made to Secretary Chase by foreign bankers; but there is now in Washington an agent of bankers in Amsterdam who offers a loan of \$50,000,000 in specie.

The Bull's Head Bunk has declared a semi-annual dividend of 5½ cent, free of Government tax, payable April 1 prox.

Bank discounts are lower to-day under the decline in gold. Flour is off 5½ to 6½¢ per bushel, and Wheat and Corn 1½ to 2½¢ bushel. Provisions are also heavy.

The Receiver's report of the St. Louis, Alton and Chicago Railroad has been received. The Receiver says:

The total receipts of traffic from Dec. 3, 1862, to Oct. 15, 1862, were \$3,622,677.62. The total expenses of operation, and repairs of roadway and rolling stock, for the same time, \$2,632,356.65, leaving a net profit, expended as follows:

Interest on loans from bondholders, \$1,590 13  
Balances for week ending March 14, 15,206,739 34  
Balances for week ending March 21, 14,231,656 06

2,000 Miles & Missouri Railroad, 1000 do. 39

1,400 Tennessee & St. L., 100 do. 39

4,000 Ohio State & St. L., 100 do. 39

1,000 Gal. & Chi. & N.W. 112 do. 39

10,000 Central & Atlantic, 100 do. 39

1,000 Mich. & Huron, 100 do. 39

200 Miles & Mississippi, 100 do. 39

200 American Gold, 15½ do. 39

100 do. 39